



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HOUSE

1825 R Street, N. W.

Washington 9, D. C.

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NATIONAL and international policies are born in the meeting of individuals, in the personal acquaintance and friendship of men and women with power to give shape to the present and future.

International Student House is a center where students of all nations, races, and creeds may meet, form friendships, and discuss problems of mutual concern. Many of the students it serves are persons selected by their governments to come to the United States to prepare themselves for positions of leadership. For them, and for the students of this country who participate, the personal relationships developed in the house may be an invaluable part of their education.

The location of this house in Washington, D. C., is peculiarly fitting, since in this city students from other countries often experience great difficulty in finding temporary homes because of their race or color, while our own students of different racial groups are almost equally frustrated in their efforts to know each other. International Student House can provide an oasis where human relationships can be free to find their own level; it can go further than this, joining with other like-minded groups in the city in an effort to widen the area in which democratic living becomes possible in our capital. Also it makes use of its location in Washington to establish friendly, fruitful contacts with embassies and with various government departments that have a special interest in foreign students.

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The house is sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee. Responsibility for its operation lies with a committee of local Friends, who have given it their enthusiastic support for over ten years, and have made possible the recent move from smaller quarters into the new house at 1825 R Street, N. W. In this new center there are residential accommodations for forty students and generous facilities for lectures, meetings, discussion groups, study, and recreation. There are small lounges, a larger lounge, a library, dining room, and garden. Non-residents are welcomed in all the educational and recreational activities. A number of well-known Washington citizens are actively interested in the program.

The aim of this enterprise is to give practical expression to the Quaker belief that in every man the seed of God lies dormant or developing, and that all our efforts to bring about peace will be abortive if they do not spring from this seed's maturing. The house tries to provide the right soil. Frankness, knowledge, and brotherliness are anciently recognized essentials.

International Student House is supported by the fees of residents and non-residents who participate in the program, and by contributions from persons who believe in what it is trying to do. Gifts toward payment for the new center will be greatly appreciated. Checks may be made payable to the American Friends Service Committee, and should be addressed to the Treasurer, International Student House, 1825 R Street, N. W., Washington 9, D. C.

THE American Friends Service Committee represents the Religious Society of Friends in many fields of social action. Founded in 1917 to provide channels through which Quakers and like-minded persons could serve the cause of creative peace, the Committee since that time has brought emergency assistance to millions of victims of World War I, the Spanish Civil War, and World War II. Concurrently, in the United States it has developed a program designed to interpret to groups of young people and adults the Quaker approach to social issues. Through the spoken and written word as well as through projects which translate the word into action, the Committee works in this country on race relations, economic problems, and education for better international relations.

Though widely known as an undertaking of Friends, this varied service is made possible through the generous cooperation of thousands of persons of all faiths. It is administered without regard to nationality, race, color, or creed, in an effort to replace hatred and strife with imaginative action that breaks the paralyzing hold of ignorance, resentment, and fear, of exploitation, and of passive submission to evil.

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